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rendered before 16-11-1995); and the benefit of pensionable service rendered after 16-11-1995. Para 12 of the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 also provides for minimum pension for different periods of aggregate service rendered prior to and after 16.11.1995.

(b) The amount of pension under the scheme is not linked to minimum wages; rather, it is determined on the basis of pensionable salary and pensionable service.

(c) and (d) Increase in the amount of pensionary benefit depends on the position of the Pension Fund. At present, there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government as the actuarial valuation does not permit any increase.

Arms seizure by army in Kolkata

*210. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Army and the State Police recovered a huge stockpile of arms and ammunition, including over 500 anti-personnel landmines, 543 anti-personnel mines, 691 bullets of 9 mm caliber, 340 bullets of 7.62 mm caliber, 58 bullets of .303 caliber and 5.56 mm INSAS ammunition, manufactured at the Ichapur ordnance factory at Behala in Kolkata;

(b) whether the seizure is one of the largest recoveries of mines and other weapons from any metropolitan city during the recent times;

(c) if so, whether any inquiry was conducted; and

(d) the steps taken to check such disappearance of arms from the ordnance factory?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) Though, the Army and the State Police had recovered the said ammunition from an Army Personnel along with his civilian associates, the said ammunition is not manufactured at any of the two Ordnance Factories located at Ichapore, Kolkata.

(b) It is a big seizure of mine shells and bullets.

(c) Inquiry by the army and police authorities is in progress.

(d) No incident of disappearance of the subject ammunition, from any Ordnance Factory has been reported. A well established security mechanism exists in all Ordnance Factories to check pilferage.

Check on cyber crimes

*211. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to check cyber crimes in India, particularly in view of the increased spread of information technology; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and various State police organizations have set up Cyber Crime Cells and computer forensic facilities. In addition, all the laboratories of the Directorate of Forensic Science and Government Examiners of Questioned Documents have computer forensic facilities. Regular training programmes, workshops, seminars and symposia for trainers to handle digital crimes are also organised.

The Government has set up Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) under the Department of Information Technology, which performs both proactive and reactive roles in computer security incident prevention, identification of solution to security problems, analyzing product vulnerabilities, malicious codes, web defacements, open proxy servers and in carrying out relevant research and development.

Defence system to counter enemy attack

†*212. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether we have a strong defence system to counter an enemy country attack, despite our being a nuclear State;

(b) whether common people of the country have been given any training to combat it; and

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